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From: Baptist, Erik [baptist.erik@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/18/2017 7:00:53 PM
To: Gunasekara, Mandy [Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]; Bolen, Brittany [bolen.brittany@epa.gov]
CC: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: NYT query -- tailpipe emissions standards

Works for me too.

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From: Gunasekara, Mandy
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 2:57 PM
To: Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <baptist.erik@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
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I like: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Bolen, Brittany
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 2:41 PM
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On Aug 18, 2017, at 2:02 PM, Baptist, Erik <baptist.erik@epa.gov> wrote:

I am okay with this part of Mandy's proposed response:

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Agree.

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On Aug 18, 2017, at 1:21 PM, Baptist, Erik <baptist.erik@epa.gov> wrote:

Liz,

David forwarded me your email below, as I am the lead deputy on this issue. I do not believe **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** Mandy and Brittany?

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From: Fotouhi, David
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 1:08 PM
To: Baptist, Erik <baptist.erik@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: NYT query -- tailpipe emissions standards

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From: "Bowman, Liz" <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Date: August 18, 2017 at 1:07:32 PM EDT
To: "Dravis, Samantha" <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>, "Jackson, Ryan" <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>, "Gunasekara, Mandy" <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>, "Bolen, Brittany" <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>, "Fotouhi, David" <fotouhi.david@epa.gov>, "Schwab, Justin" <schwab.justin@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: NYT query -- tailpipe emissions standards

Is there anything we can say here?

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Tabuchi, Hiroko" <hiroko.tabuchi@nytimes.com>
Date: August 18, 2017 at 12:59:50 PM EDT
To: "Bowman, Liz" <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: NYT query -- tailpipe emissions standards

Hi Liz,

I'm working on a story looking at tailpipe emissions standards and the California Air Resources Board's defense of the targets set under Obama administration. I know that EPA and NHTSA have now reopened the midterm review for GHG and CAFE standards.

I quote CARB chair Mary Nichols saying the agency is standing firm, prepared to sue, prepared to do what they need to do to defend those standards.

Does EPA have a response? And I know that
Administrator Pruitt has
said he has no current plans to challenge
California's waiver under
the Clean Air Act to set its own air quality standards
-- but could
that change?

I'm working toward a Monday EOB deadline, and
am reachable at my
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Thanks,
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To: AO OPA OMR CLIPS [AO_OPA_OMR_CLIPS@epa.gov]
Subject: The Weekly Standard: New York Times: Pruitt's EPA Secrecy Is 'Extraordinary'-but EPA Secrecy Under Obama?, 8/18/17

The Weekly Standard

<http://www.weeklystandard.com/new-york-times-pruitts-epa-secrecy-is-extraordinary-but-epa-secrecy-under-obama/article/2009346>

New York Times: Pruitt's EPA Secrecy Is 'Extraordinary'-but EPA Secrecy Under Obama?

By Irwin M. Stelzer, 8/18/17

The *New York Times* is upset with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. It seems that under the cloak of “rampant secrecy” has set out to “weaken an agency once known for transparency.”

Agency lifers complain that Pruitt, according to the *Times*, “is taking extraordinary measures to conceal his actions.” Paranoia is rampant among the 15,000 staffers, not to mention among the Pruitt team.

As the old saying goes, just because you’re paranoid doesn’t mean no one is out to get you. The staff is right to worry: Its expansive regulatory agenda is Pruitt’s target. And the administrator’s team is also right to worry: they are the targets of a staff that views them as a hostile army sent by an illegitimate president to undo the works of their lifetimes.

But for the *Times* to suddenly worry about Pruitt’s lack of “transparency” is a bit rich.

Under President Obama, EPA administrator Gina McCarthy refused to provide the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee with data underlying the EPA’s Clean Air Act regulations, citing privacy concerns. She even held her ground in the face of a report by the National Academy of Sciences saying that “Nothing in the past suggests that increasing access to data without damage to privacy and confidentiality rights is beyond scientific reach.”

It seems that an Obama administrator’s protection of privacy is a Trump administrator’s rampant secrecy. At least to the *New York Times*.

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I would say Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) What do others think?

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On Aug 18, 2017, at 1:21 PM, Schwab, Justin <schwab.justin@epa.gov> wrote:

Looping in Erik

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